Global Learning Portal: A Tool to Share Knowledge

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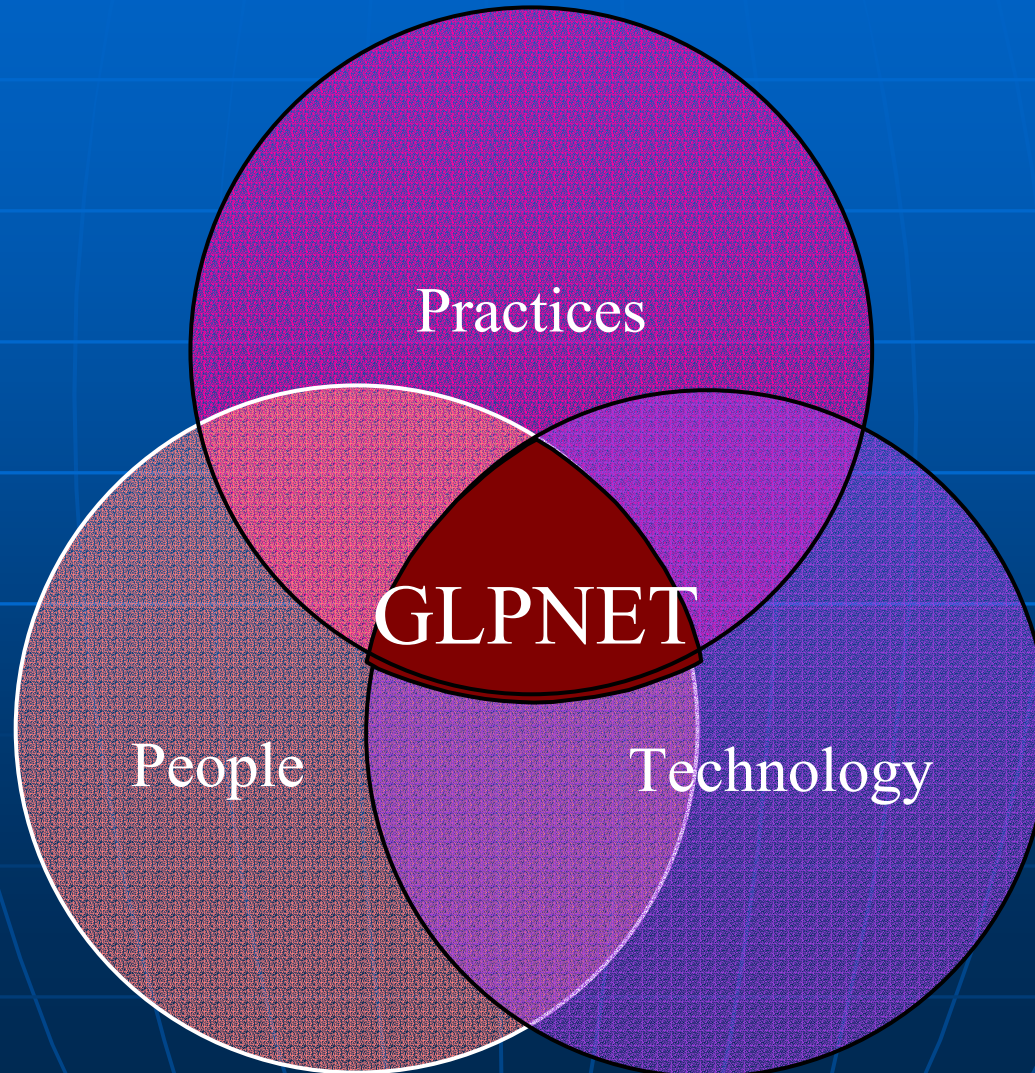
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Questions

- What is the Global Learning Portal Project?

- How can an Interactive Web Portal be successfully integrated into Development?

- How can a collaborative-interactive website improve teacher professional development?

A thought…for the Integration of KM

"Information is data endowed with relevance and purpose. Converting data into information requires knowledge."

(Peter Drucker)

What is the Global Learning Portal?

- 1 of 5 Parts of the Global Development Alliance-Cooperative Agreement between USAID-AED-SUN Microsystems

- Designed to serve **5** audiences with resources and content for: Teachers, School Leaders, Curriculum Specialists, Teacher Trainers, National/Regional Policy Makers

- Interactive Website using Portal Technology to build collaboration-communities of practice among teachers

- Languages: Spanish, Portuguese, English, and French

Why?

Education for All needs practical, appropriate tools for the people who will make EFA succeed...the teachers and those who support them

Features of the Portal

- Provides a collaborative environment for Teachers to create Peer to Peer Linkages on a global scale
- Provides a place for the exchange of ideas-experiences-resources
- Lends legitimacy and builds capacity for knowledge sharing

Elements for Pilot Participation

- **4 Criteria for Participation**
  - Interest in developing collaborative (teacher) online communities—-- **Communities of Practice**
  - Existing projects with connections to educators (USAID Missions-AED Projects) (Knowledge Maps)
  - Periodic connectivity to Internet
  - Commitment to participate in Pilot Project

GLPNet Pilots

- Pilot Project to test how teachers in developing countries use ICT to collaborate

- Goal to engage teachers in collaborative activities

- Providing successful (field tested) educational material in mother tongue

GLP Pilot Countries

- Phase I (September 2003)
  - Brazil
  - Nicaragua
  - Uganda
  - Ethiopia
  - South Africa

Three Things…..

1. Every USAID Mission should be aware of the Global Learning Portal Project

2. Knowledge Management tools are used within the Portal

3. KM informs the Portal design to promote..

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Live Demo

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- Each user will receive their "personalized" content in their language of choice. Users will collaborate to share best practices and will match themselves by interest, language, and subjects taught.

- Users will create Communities of Practice.

- The Portal will manage the communication exchanges.